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Applicant: Cutright et al.

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Title: **SYNTHETIC FUEL COMPRISING COAL DUST, WATER AND A REACTIVE ORGANIC COMPOUND, AND A PROCESS FOR MAKING SUCH SYNTHETIC FUEL**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2002.

Please charge the necessary extension of time fee as a debit of such fee to Deposit
Account No. 18-1160.

Attached hereto is a clean copy of the claims after amendment that are now pending.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A synthetic fuel composition, comprising:
 - (a) at least about 90 wt. % of coal dust;
 - (b) from about 0.5 to [80] 8.0 wt. % based on the weight of the coal dust of one or more organic chemicals selected from the group consisting of functionalized starches, copolymers of sodium acrylates and acrylamide and mixtures thereof reactive with said coal dust, and
 - (c) water.